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**The following is a statement from Gov. Mike Easley on ABCs results for the 2001-02 school year.**

“Seventy-five percent of North Carolina schools met or exceeded the growth targets set by the state. That is a 15 percent increase from last year. These are promising numbers and proof that we are making the right investments for our students.

We must continue to look for creative ways to invest more time, more energy and more resources in our schools if we want to attract high-paying, highly skilled jobs to North Carolina. Success in the new economy depends on an educated and skilled workforce.”

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